

ODDS AND ENDS.

A new invention of English origin is an incandescent lamp in which the filament is coated with a layer of silicon. It is claimed that the degree of vacuum required inside the bulb will be thus lessened.

An odd conception, manufactured at the suggestion of a New York lady, is an enameled orange which opens and discloses a watch in one-half, and a purse in the other. The exterior of this unique article is exceedingly realistic.

London is giving her electric traction service a boom. Before very long a line of omnibuses run by electricity is to be started. They will be driven by storage batteries, and each bus is to have a seating capacity of twenty-six passengers.

Spain's population has grown incredibly during the last decade. There has been an increase of about one million people during thirteen years. This astonishing growth is attributed in a great measure to the success that has attended the changes in the hygienic condition of the large cities and towns.

The Duke of Northumberland is no doubt the greatest landowner in England. He owns more than 200,000 acres and has a rent roll of \$875,000 a year. He is 81 years of age and all his life has been a great reader.

Of 2,759 duels fought in Italy during eleven years, 1,141 terminated by insignificant wounds, 1,400 by wounds speedily healed, and 50 only by wounds subsequently producing death. It is shown that nearly all the duels take place in the hot months and in the very early morning hours.

Perhaps Jenner did not discover vaccination. In a graveyard at Worth, Dorsetshire, there is a tomb with this inscription: "Benjamin Jenner, of Downshay, died April 18, 1816, aged 79. He was born at Yemminster, in this county, and was an upright, honest man, particularly noted for having been the first person known that introduced the cow pox by inoculation, and who, for his great strength of mind, made the experiment from the cow on his wife and two sons in the year 1774."

Wordsworth's cottage at Grasmere is one of the most beautiful spots in that lovely district. It deserves to be saved, and Stopford Brooke and his brother, with Professor Knight, of St. Andrews, and others, are making an appeal that it should be secured with the orchard and garden for the modest sum of \$250. The promoters aim to raise that sum by small subscriptions, so that every lover of the poet may contribute and thus make the monument a national memorial to Wordsworth.

The efficacy of hot water in shaving is more fully appreciated by the people of that remarkably advanced country, Japan, than in the younger civilizations of the west. Japanese barbers shave nearly all of the exposed surfaces of a man's head. They shave the ears, the outside and inside of the nose, the eyebrows and a portion of the scalp. No lather is used, but a keen edge is kept constantly on the razor by dipping it into hot water.

A remarkable occurrence is reported by a native Japanese newspaper. Scientists assign its cause to vacuum due to atmospheric changes, while the villagers think it to be the work of devils. The circumstances are as follows: A man suddenly falls down while walking in the open air or in a house, when a slit in the flesh from one inch to one inch and a half in length and about an inch in depth is found, the place principally attacked being the chest. At the time not much pain is felt, but half an hour afterward the pain increases as the blood begins to flow. The wounds are said to vary difficult to cure.

A New Violet Discovered. "It is the sweetest flower I ever knew," said Miss Browning, the well known Baltimore florist, displaying a new violet just discovered by Mr. A. P. Gordon Cumming, on his place, near Sykesville, Md. The foliage leaves on this violet are longer than the ordinary wild or cultivated violet. The flower leaves of the new violet are a soft white, striped or mottled with light and dark purple. Unlike the other cultivated violets, the new one is a single violet. All the cultivated violets have hitherto, without exception, been double. Single violets, until this discovery of Mr. Cumming's, have been without perfume, but the Sykesville cultivated single violet has a wealth of rich perfume which cannot be surpassed. These wonderfully sweet plants, Daphne, Odora and Oleo Fragrans, do not give off more delightful odors than this new violet.—Baltimore Sun.

Baby still in the Ring. While a Buffalo family was moving the mother suddenly missed the baby. The infant could be heard crying, and the mother finally conjectured that she was inside of a roll of carpet. It was true. The baby had been left in the middle of the sitting room floor, and the mother who took up the carpet found a breathless over her without noticing her, rolled her up in it, and stood the carpet up in the hall. The child when rescued was punctured here and there with rusty tacks, and its mouth was partly stuffed with carpet dust, but otherwise it was quite healthy.—Detroit Free Press.

Miserly. "You can always tell a man by the company he keeps." "How about Driggs, the miser? He has no associates or friends." "Oh, you can tell him by the money he keeps."—Chicago Ledger.

Adolf Lalloz, carriage manufacturer, 119 Carroll street, Buffalo, N. Y., states: "I was troubled with nausea of the stomach, sick headache and general debility. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me."

Oliver Perry, aged twenty-two years, in charge of a saw mill near Fishersburg, Augusta county, fell on the saw while at work on Monday. The saw entered the left shoulder and passed diagonally entirely through the body.

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A Dose of Her Own Medicine. "Talk about a woman's inconsistency! Well, I had an example of it to-night that fairly took my breath away," and the speaker took a puff at his cigar. "I was at the theatre, and of course my seat was directly behind one which contained a woman with a big hat. The hat was not only high, but it was topped off with waving plumes, and it soon started in to spoil the evening for me. The woman bobbed her head from side to side in a way that played the deuce with my nerves, because I was kept jumping from side to side in my efforts to catch glimpses of the actors. At first I didn't know what was the cause of her activity, but finally I discovered that the woman in front of her had on even a bigger hat than she wore herself. Well, I gave up trying to see the stage the rest of the first act and devoted myself to enjoying the plight of my tormentor, as she dodged on this side and then on that to avoid the big hat in front of her."

"At the end of the act I got another seat, where I could see both the stage and the woman who had sat before me. She wasn't young or pretty (women who wear big hats at the theatre seldom are), and I confess I took great glee in seeing her go through the contortions through which she had recently put me. She became furious, and dropped remarks to her husband which I was sure were by no means complimentary to the woman in front."

"After the play I managed to get alongside the woman and walk out of the theatre at her elbow. If she wasn't muttering all the spiteful things imaginable to her husband about the poor creature whose hat had put her in such a temper, and bless you, it probably never occurred to her that she had been doing the same thing herself which she thought so mean in her guilty sister. I hope that her experience taught her to look for the beam in her own eye first, but I've no idea if did."—New York Tribune.

Scallop Shells. In olden times when pilgrims came from the Holy Land they wore as an emblem of their vows a purple bower and white shell, called St. James' shell, now better known as a scallop shell. Large shells of this kind were early utilized as baking dishes, and have given their name to a great number of excellent scalloped or "escaloped" preparations of fish and meat. Of late years luxurious taste has demanded something more costly, and silver shells in the shape of the old sea shell, at \$50 a dozen, have taken the place of scallop shells at sixty cents a dozen. The smaller scallop shells are exceedingly pretty for many decorative purposes. Their wavy shape and delicate hues of brown and cream are so beautiful that they have been used for fancy work by many people who would have been shocked if they had known the shell was as common as an oyster, and was thrown away from our market stalls by the bulk.

The natural scallop shell is covered with a rough coating, which is easily removed by soaking it in a weak solution of chlorate of lime and water, in proportion of half a pound of lime to a gallon of water. The shells must each be pierced four times on each side of the base and once higher up on each side if they are to be sewn on velvet or silk to border a cushion or form a wreath around the base of a pretty circular work bag. This is done with a single drop of caustic. Only a tiny drop must be used, and a hole must be instantly drilled through with a strong needle. As soon as a hole is pierced the shell must be dropped in cold water to stop the action of the acid, which might otherwise spread. As soon as the shells are pierced varnish them with the finest white varnish used by artists. It will hardly show, but will bring out the colors as holding a shell in water does.—New York Tribune.

The Little Scheme of a Tramp. An attempt was made to wreck the Tacoma bound Northern Pacific train at Linton, seven miles north of Portland, Ore. The train was suddenly flagged by a tramp named F. S. Taylor, who told a strange story of an encounter with train wreckers. He said that while walking on the road to Portland he saw three men piling old ties and fallen trees high on the track. When they saw him they put a pistol to his head and made him take a seat on a log and keep quiet while they proceeded with their work. Their work so engrossed them that he managed to slip away unnoticed just in time to prevent a wreck.

Taylor was taken aboard the train and treated like a prince. He was sent back from Centralia, and Sheriff Kelly took charge of him to get a description of the wreckers. Taylor claimed that he knew nothing about the country, but he was so minute in his details in describing the obstructions piled on the track that the sheriff suspected something. Finally he turned to Taylor, saying: "You did this," Taylor smiled, and confessed and told all. He said he piled the sticks on the track and pretended a wreck for the purpose of being richly rewarded by the company. He was arrested and is now in jail. There were 200 passengers on the train.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Just Like Other Men. Stanley set out on a very expensive expedition to rescue Emin Pasha. He rescued him. Emin discovered that the rescuers always play second fiddle to the rescuers, and he turns about and walks back with never a "thank you" to Stanley. After this he will rescue himself and reap all the credit.—Detroit Free Press.

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Mrs. Hattie Borland Smith, wife of Colonel Thomas W. Smith, of the Third Virginia regiment, died in Suffolk Monday. Mr. W. B. Ellis, the oldest resident of Suffolk, died the same day, aged eighty-three years.

A CHILD KILLED. Another child killed by the use of opiates given in the form of soothing syrup. Why mothers give their children such deadly poison is surprising when they can relieve the child of its peculiar troubles by using Dr. Acker's Baby Soother. It contains no opium or morphine. Sold by Budwell, Christian & Barbee.

THE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

The New Titles Conferred Upon Prince Albert Victor of Wales. The queen has conferred the dignity of a peerage of the United Kingdom upon Prince Albert Victor. The future heir to the throne is created Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and Earl of Athlone. Although it is a matter of course that a royal prince in the direct line of succession, who has arrived at man's estate, should formally take his place among our territorial nobility, the occasion, now that it has arrived, claims, from more than one point of view, the sympathetic interest of the queen's loyal subjects.

In such cases the selection of titles is a point that always arouses, and legitimately arouses, a certain curiosity. The revival of the dukedom of Clarence will gratify those who value the preservation of titles that have left a mark upon the pages of our history. Although originally an Irish dignity, derived from the "honor" of Clare, the dukedom of Clarence is an English title by ancient association. It was first conferred by Edward III in 1362 upon one of his sons. But the prince with whom the title is most familiarly connected in our annals is that Duke of Clarence whose traditional fate as well as the expressive words of Shakespeare that serve as his epitaph are known to every schoolboy. It will be remembered that, after the title had been extinct for more than 300 years, George III revived it in favor of his third son, Prince William, afterward William IV. Moreover, the late Duke of Albany was Earl of Clarence in addition to his other titles, and here it is remarkable that what had always before been a dukedom dwindled to the dimensions of an earldom.

Avondale, to which, conjointly with Clarence, the dukedom is made appurtenant, is presumably the Lanarkshire parish which contains the fine historical ruin of Avondale castle; while the Earldom of Athlone is a title which became extinct as recently as 1841.

It is, of course, as the Duke of Clarence, that Prince Albert Victor will be known during the lifetime of the queen and Prince of Wales; and thus he will bear a title which two members of his family have borne already. The history, however, of the young prince's new dignities is of less account than the reflection that they are one more outward sign of his assumption of the responsibilities and duties which in these days make a prince's lot arduous and his life of the busiest. Prince Albert Victor, or the Duke of Clarence, as we should now call him, has arrived at that period of full manhood at which he can relieve the Prince of Wales of a large share of public engagements which have hitherto devolved upon him exclusively.—London Times.

A Student's Heavy Sleep. A wild and clanging uproar was heard in the Elm house, Auburn. The landlord, the clerk and the porter were all in it. It was no party of roisterers and no lawless disturbance. Much as the landlord regretted it he felt compelled to do it, and he was only doing what was laudable and proper. He was trying to awaken a guest. The Maine State college baseball team put up at the famous inn on Friday, and the ten men were to occupy three rooms, one of them a large room with two double beds and calculated to accommodate four.

One of the young men went to bed at 9 o'clock, and in an absent minded mood or unaware that he was to have company during the night he turned the key. At 10:30 the other young men wanted a nap. They found the door locked. The landlord was called and he tried mild tapping on the casement. The strength and tempo of the serenade both increased by degrees. Finally a wild and awful thundering fell upon that door. The man from Orano never budged an inch or shortened a grudge on his nasal solo, for he slept. The door was opened, and the door grew greater. Some laughing and some were alarmed. A traveling man offered to bet even that the man had passed away, but nobody would bet on so serious a topic.

The door was kicked and banged again and supplications were ejected through the keyhole and over the transom for him to open up, but he never opened, for he slept—a dreamless, peaceful sleep. Most of the guests were awake by this time. A practical solution was reached by the porter, who punched out the key on the other side by careful and patient manipulation and then unlocked the door with a pass key. The three state college boys then went in and went to bed, and strange but true the one-of-the-seven-sleepers, who lay there in smiling slumber in his couch, did not awake even then, but slept on and on and never rolled over.—Lewiston Journal.

Money in Poultry. If people engaging in the poultry business would apply strict poultry measures to the business there would be better success. A business with a system about it generally stands upon its own bottom. We know an instance where care and forethought succeeded above everything else, and a young, industrious man was at the bottom of it. He was careful of his stock, their houses and their feed. He marketed always in the nick of time, and he has made money while others were losing. The commission man pays him 10 per cent. more money than any one else, as he always sends his goods to market in a prime and attractive style. Appearance is everything, and when a man shows taste he is generally paid for it.—Western Farm Journal.

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John McGuire, eldest son of Dr. J. M. G. McGuire, of Clarke county, was drowned at Hawk's Nest, W. Va., Monday, while bathing. He was a member of a party of surveyors engaged in locating a railroad route for the Norfolk and Western through that section of West Virginia at the time of the fatal occurrence.

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Fig. 1 shows an area of 10,000 square feet of ground, inclosed (without the division fences), with only 400 feet of

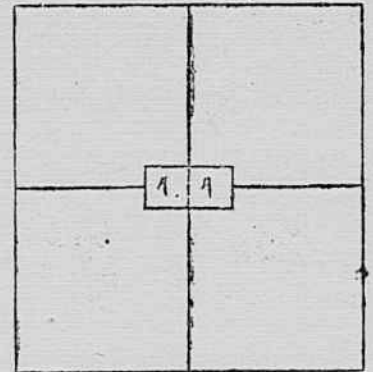
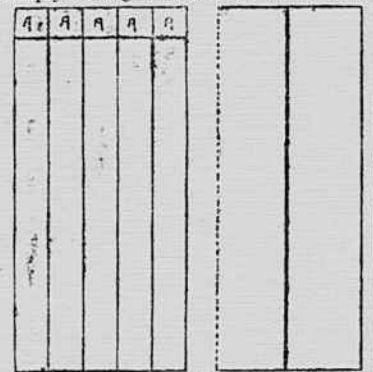


FIG. 1.—PLAN OF FENCING POULTRY YARD, fence. Leaving out the spaces occupied by the houses, A, A, we have four yards, each 50 by 50 feet, containing 2,500 feet, inclosed by 600 feet of fence.

Fig. 2 shows the houses, A, A, A, A, in one row, the yards being 10 by 100 feet each. Only one-half as much ground as inclosed in Fig. 1, yet there is required 700 feet of fence. If only four yards are inclosed the fence would be 600 feet. Estimating the space for four yards as shown in Fig. 1, though the square yards contain 2,500 square feet.

Fig. 3 shows a yard 10 by 100 feet, giving a space of 1,000 square feet. By simply adding 10 feet more of fence at



FIGS. 2 AND 3.—PLANS FOR FENCING POULTRY YARDS. each end of the yard, and moving one side of the fence to the dotted lines, the area is doubled, the yard then being 2,000 square feet, yet only 20 feet of fence has been added.

Diverse Experiences with Silos.

In experiments made at the Missouri station by Director Sanborn, to test the question of the superiority of food preserved in a silo over that air dried, the results reported were unfavorable to the silo in several particulars. It was shown that corn fodder may be successfully dried and stored at cheaper rates than when stored green; that a given amount of fodder dry stored will last longer than the same amount put into the silo, and that the dry fodder was more cheaply handled and the general effects of the feeding were better than those received from feeding ensilage.

On the other hand, an experiment made with ten cows at the Michigan station showed that the ensilage from an acre and a half of corn (although nearly a quarter of it spoiled from a lack of care in filling and from exposure during the interim of dried fodder feeding) lasted longer than the stalks and corn and cob meal from an equal area adjoining, dry stored, and that the cows made more pounds gain on it than on the dried fodder and meal. Is answer to inquiries addressed by the station to Michigan farmers as to the comparative cheapness of storage in the silo, and whether this method was considered by them an economical and satisfactory way of preserving food and one they would recommend, the replies were uniformly favorable to the silo.

Pretty Dresses for the Home.

Many of the actresses, who are as particular about their house as their stage dresses, wear a long coat or opera cloak, tightly girdled at the waist and left open in front to show a pretty white petticoat. A lady up town, a doctor by profession and something of a crank on hygienics, wears cheese cloth yoke dresses that cost \$1 each, and she has a new one every six weeks. The neck is yoked, made of silk or velvet, to which the straight breadths of cheese cloth are gathered. Three yards of ribbon, sewed over the shirred belt, is the only attempt at decoration. One month she receives her morning patients in pale blue cheese cloth, worked with navy blue silk; the next month the cloth is pink and the yoke maroon velvet, and just now she is wearing cream cloth gathered to a yoke of brown velvet. Brown ribbon is girdled about her waist, brown half shoes cover her feet, and the whole toilet—shoes, dress, ribbons and all—cost her \$6.80. Pretty woollens can be bought for forty cents a yard, and six yards, with one and a quarter yards of plush or velvet for trimming, will make a Josephine dress. Why disguise yourself when a pattern and a day's work will reproduce the artistic, tidy, easy and world renowned dress?—New York World.

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